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SUBJECT: CHANCELOR KREISKY'S STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE PLO OFFICE
IN VIENNA

1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY, WHO RETURNED TO VIENNA TODAY (APRIL 18) FOLLOWING UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW YORK, APRIL 13-17 TO RECEIVE FREEDOM AWARD, WAS QUERIED BY AUSTRIAN PRESS UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT CONCERNING THIS COMMENTS IN NEW YORK CITY ABOUT POSSIBLE OPENING OF PLO OFFICE IN VIENNA. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AUSTRIAN PRESS SERVICE REPORT OF CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS ON SUBJECT: "CHANCELLOR KREISKY STATED...THAT ONE COULD NOT SPEAK AT ALL OF AN OFFER HAVING BEEN MADE TO THE PLO TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN VIENNA. SHOULD AUSTRIA BE APPROACHED ON SUCH A MATTER IT WOULD EXAMINE THE QUESTION IN SIMILAR FASHION AS IT HAS DONE WITH ALL SUCH ISSUES. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, THIS QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN RAISED WITH AUSTRIA. IN ANY CASE, ONE WOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHER STATES AS WELL AS CLARIFY WHAT OTHER STATES WOULD DO WITH WHOM AUSTRIA HAS CLOSE RELATIONS."

2. SEVERAL PROMINENT VIENNESE NEWSPAPERS CARRIED TODAY VERSIONS OF KREISKY'S COMMENTS TO PRESS IN N.Y. ON PLO OFFICE

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WHICH SUGGESTED THAT PLO HAD ALREADY APPROACHED GOA FOR

PERMISSION TO OPEN OFFICE IN VIENNA AND THAT GOA WAS
IN PROCESS OF DEALING WITH PLO REQUEST. ACCORDING TO
MFA SOURCE, KREISKY WAS "VERY UPSET OVER MISINTERPRETATION"
GIVEN TO HIS N.Y. REMARKS TO PRESS AND USED AIRPORT
ARRIVAL IN VIENNA AS OPPORTUNITY TO SET RECORD
STRAIGHT. BUCHANAN

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